

mutability

An indication of whether a [release file field](#) value can change between two released versions of the same [component](#) or [reference set member](#).

Notes

- All released versions of the same [component](#) or [reference set member](#) have the same [id \(field\)](#), but each version has a different [effective time \(field\)](#).
 - If a [field](#) is mutable (Mutable=YES), its value can differ from one version to the next without changing the identifier.
 - If a [field](#) is immutable (Mutable=NO), its value must be the same in every version of a [component](#). To change the value associated with an immutable field, the existing [component](#) must be inactivated and a new [component](#) must be created to replace it. The new [component](#) must have a previously unused identifier. The field values are set to replace the inactivated concept with the updated information.
- The mutability for each [field](#), in each type of release file, is indicated in the [release file specification](#) table for that component type or reference set.

Alternatives

- **Mutable**

Related Links

- [Immutable](#) (opposite of mutable)
- [Release File Specifications](#)